

Remarks/Arguments

As of the Action, Claims 1 and 5-22 are pending in the Application. Claims 2-4 were previously cancelled. Claims 1 and 5-9 were previously withdrawn. Claims 10-22 stand rejected.

Applicant herein amends Claims 10-20 and 22. Applicant has so amended said Claims so as to explicate the previously claimed subject matter, to correct and adjust dependencies, to correct various informalities in the Claims and to otherwise bring the Claims into further conformity with U.S. patent practice.

Applicant submits that these amendments add no new matter.

Applicant notes that the Claims, as amended, make no change in the number of independent or total claims. As such, no excess claims fees are due.

Applicant further notes that this Amendment and Response is being filed within the three month shortened statutory period and, as such, no extension of time is required. However, if any such extension of time is determined to be required, this shall serve as a request for any such required extension, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136.

In view of the Claims as set forth above and the remarks below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of this Application.

Rejection of Claims as Obvious. The Action rejects Claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakurai, U.S. Patent No. 4,965,532 ("Sakurai"), in view of Buice et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,595,330 ("Buice"). The Action rejects Claims 12-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakurai, in view of Buice and in further view of Katsuragawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,661,359 ("Katsuragawa").

Applicant has revised the pending Claims, including independent Claim 10 to which all other pending Claims ultimately depend. Accordingly, Applicant understands that the existing rejections are moot.

Even so, Applicant respectfully submits that the Action provides no case for the cited references teaching or suggesting the subject matter of the Claims, as amended. As an example, independent Claim 10 recites that the adjustable time-delay element effects controlled reduction of the phase difference between the motor voltage and the motor current, the controlled reduction being effected by selectively delaying the motor current prior to the phase comparator.

By comparison, the Action's designations to the cited references in rejecting independent Claim 10, taken alone or in any combination, fail to teach or suggest any such delay of the motor current in connection with a controlled reduction of the phase difference between the motor current and voltage.

Applicant further submits that the Application's dependent Claims are also neither taught nor suggested by the Action's designations to the cited references, e.g., because each such Claim depends ultimately from, and thereby includes at least the limitations of, independent Claim 10.

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of the foregoing remarks and/or amendments, the Claims pending in the Application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action.

Generally, in this Amendment and Response, Applicant has not raised all possible grounds for (a) traversing the rejections of the Action or (b) patentably distinguishing the new Claims (i.e., over the Cited References or otherwise). Applicant, however, reserves the right to explicate and expand on any ground already raised and/or to raise other grounds for traversing and/or for distinguishing, including, without limitation, by explaining and/or distinguishing the subject matter of the Application and/or any cited reference at a later time (e.g., in the event that this Application does not proceed to issue with the Claims as herein amended, or in the context of a continuing application). Applicant submits that nothing herein is, or should be deemed to be, a disclaimer of any rights, acquiescence in any rejection, or a waiver of any arguments that might have been raised but were not raised herein, or otherwise in the prosecution of this Application, whether as to the original Claims or as to any of the new Claims, or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce one or more of the original Claims in original form or otherwise so as to claim the subject matter of those Claims, both/either at a later time in prosecuting this Application or in the context of a continuing application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees, or to charge any additional fees or underpayments, or to credit any overpayments, to the Credit Card account referenced on any accompanying Credit Card Payment form (PTO-2038). As an alternative, in case the Credit Card cannot be processed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, additional fees, or underpayments, to the undersigned attorney's

Deposit Account No. 50-1001; provided, however, that such fees, underpayments or overpayments must arise solely in connection with this Amendment and Response. Otherwise, the Commissioner should review and follow any authorization previously given by Applicant to charge certain such fees and credit certain such overpayments to the Applicant's separate Deposit Account (No. 14-1270).

Respectfully submitted,

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